

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (new): A hinge-lid pack, made of thin cardboard or similar packaging material for accommodating a cigarette group (48), and comprising a box part (10), lid (11) and collar (12), in each case with four upright pack edges, namely longitudinal edges (29, 30) and transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34) running crosswise thereto, characterized by the following features:

- a) the longitudinal edges (29, 30) and transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34) are configured, by deformation or embossing of the packaging material, as respective outwardly directed round projections (35),
- b) each projection (35) has a cross-section approximately in the shape of a three-quarter circle, and
- c) each projection (35) is attached to adjacent pack walls and folding tabs by a respective intermediate edge (36, 37).

11. (new): A hinge-lid pack, made of thin cardboard or similar packaging material for accommodating a cigarette group (48), and comprising a box part (10), lid (11) and collar (12), in each case with four upright pack edges, namely longitudinal edges (29, 30) and transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34) running crosswise thereto, characterized by the following features:

- a) the longitudinal edges (29, 30) and transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34) are configured, by deformation or embossing of the packaging material, respectively inwardly directed recesses (40) having a round cross-section,

b) each recess (40) has a cross-section approximately in the shape of a quarter circle,
c) each recess (40) is attached to adjacent pack walls and folding tabs by a respective intermediate edge (36, 37).

12. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 10, characterized in that all four upright longitudinal edges (29, 30) are uniformly configured as a projection (35).

13. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 10, characterized in that upper and lower transverse edges (31...34) for delimiting an end wall (18) and a base wall (15) are configured as projections (35).

14. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 10 or 11, characterized in that the collar (12) has upright collar edges (43, 44) which correspond in shape to the longitudinal edges (29, 30).

15. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 10 or 11, characterized in that box side tabs (23, 24) for the formation of box side walls (21) and lid side tabs (25, 26) for the formation of lid side walls (22) overlap one another only in a region between the assigned intermediate edges (36, 37).

16. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 10, characterized in that for the configuration of the transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34) as a projection (35), corner tabs, namely base corner tabs (27) and/or end corner tabs (28) are configured with a width small enough such that the corner tabs (27, 28) can be positioned exclusively between the transverse edges (31...34) configured as a projection (35).

17. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 10, characterized in that each projection (35) has a radius of 1.5 mm to 4 mm.

18. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 10, characterized by a blank which in its non-folded state is provided with embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47) formed by deformation and having an approximately semicircular-shaped cross-section in a region of the longitudinal edges (29, 30) and transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34), with the projections (35) being formed by the folding of folding tabs or walls causing deformation of the embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47) such that, given a pre-determined dimension of the embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47), the projection (35) has a smaller radius than the embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47).

19. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 11, characterized in that all four upright longitudinal edges (29, 30) are uniformly configured as a recess (40).

20. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 11, characterized in that upper and lower transverse edges (31...34) for delimiting an end wall (18) and a base wall (15) are configured as recesses (40).

21. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 11, characterized in that for the configuration of the transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34) as a recess (40), corner tabs, namely base corner tabs (27) and/or end corner tabs (28) are configured with a width small enough such that the corner tabs (27, 28) can be positioned exclusively between the transverse edges (31...34) configured as a recess (40).

22. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 11, characterized in that each recess (40) has a radius of 1.5 mm to 4 mm.

23. (new): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 11, characterized by a blank which in its non-folded state is provided with embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47) formed by deformation and having an approximately semicircular-shaped cross-section in a region of the

longitudinal edges (29, 30) and transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34), with the recesses (40) being formed by the folding of folding tabs or walls causing deformation of the embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47) such that, given a pre-determined dimension of the embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47), the recess (40) has a greater radius than the embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47).